

**FY 2020 United States EPA Brownfields Hazardous Substances Coalition Assessment  
Grant Application**

**1.**

Jefferson Parish

200 Derbigny St. Gretna, LA 70053

DUNS number: 072630486

December 3, 2019

**2. Funding Requested**

Assessment Grant Type: Coalition

Federal Funds requested: \$600,000 (\$300,000 for Hazardous \$300,000 for Petroleum)

Contamination: Hazardous and petroleum

**3. Location**

Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

**4. Property Information For Site-specific Applications**

Does Not Apply.

**IV.D.5. Contacts**

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**6. Population**

The project is within Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The Parish's population is 436,523

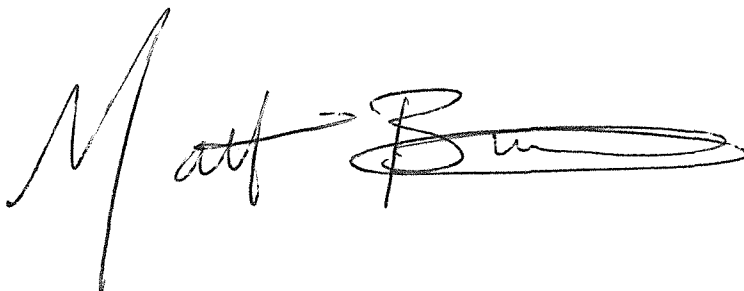
**7. Other Factors Checklist**

<b>Other Factors</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	3
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	3
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

**.8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority**

The Letter from State Environmental Authority is attached. Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Burnell, Director Grants and Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Burnell", with a large, stylized "M" and a circular flourish at the end.

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, Ph.D.  
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

November 15, 2019

Mr. Walter Brooks, Chief Operating Officer  
Jefferson Parish  
Yenni Building  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jefferson, LA 70123

RE: Jefferson Parish FY20 Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) supports Jefferson Parish in its application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant along with the Regional Planning Commission and the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission to address sites with petroleum and hazardous substances under the federal Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act and the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act. DEQ recognizes Jefferson Parish will be conducting assessment activities in its jurisdiction.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to address Brownfield sites in Jefferson Parish and to build on your current momentum. Our staff will be happy to lend appropriate technical assistance in the form of oversight to the Parish. However, please be advised that our ability to provide technical assistance is subject to the availability of adequate funding and resources.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Please contact me at (504) 736-7069 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Otte".

Rebecca Otte  
Brownfields Coordinator  
Remediation Division

cc: Imaging Operations – IAS AI 178641

# **Narrative**

## **1. Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization**

### **1.a Target Area and Brownfields**

#### **1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area**

The town of Marrero, population 33,000, located just west of the intercostal canal hugs the Mississippi River in Southeastern Louisiana. Bordered to its East by Harvey, to its west by Westwego and across the Mississippi from New Orleans, Marrero is one of a handful of small, suburban towns which comprise what is colloquially referred to as "the Westbank." Like many Westbank towns, Marrero is a diverse community with large African American and Vietnamese populations, as well as Whites of Cajun decent whose ancestors faced persecution in France, Canada, and New Orleans until they finally settled along Louisiana's fertile coast.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Southeastern Louisiana bringing with it catastrophic wind, rain, and storm surge. Many of Marrero's low-income residents who lived in mobile, pre-fabricated homes found themselves particularly vulnerable. Recovery from Katrina resulted in a tremendous amount of resources flowing into the region in the form of infrastructure investments and storm mitigation. The region also experienced a "brain gain" as educated young people from across the country flocked to the region to assist with the rebuilding effort. Much of these recovery resources, however, were focused on the City of New Orleans, and neglected the surrounding communities. As property values in New Orleans soared following Katrina and Airbnb's proliferated. This phenomenon was compounded by the well-documented "back to the city" movement, which was at its height in the United States during this time period, when more young people were abandoning the suburbs for urban areas. For skilled, educated young people with an interest in arts, culture, restaurants, and other urban amenities, low income suburbs held little interest. In short, as New Orleans came roaring back from Hurricane Katrina, its suburban communities, particularly those on the Westbank such as Marrero, were left behind of the recovery.

Over time and because of neglect, land use on these river adjacent sites related to chemical, industrial, manufacturing, and shipping have left several significant pieces of property that we expect will qualify as brownfield sites and present both environmental and physical hazards. These have a negative impact on the economic, social, and health quality of our Parish. We believe that if we can find a way to restore these sites it would have a tremendous value to the community if they could be reintroduced into the economy in a way that would create jobs and hopefully attract environmentally friendly partners.

Along with Jefferson Parish RPC also serves a region wide area that includes Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John, St. Tammy, and Tangipahoa Parishes.A

### 1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

Our history of industrial and chemical manufacturing and the industries that have branched off from them in Jefferson Parish are quite the challenge to our Parish as we attempt to revitalize and grow our economy. Below please find a table that lists our highest priority sites. Chosen because of their size, potential, impact on surrounding populations, and historic uses

SITE	Location	Potential Contamination	Size
Former Knight-Celotex Industrial Production	Marrero	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals	Approx. 70 Acres
Former Johns Mansville Manufactured Asbestos shingles and siding	Marrero	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals	15 Acres
Former RamRod Trucking Formerly part of Johns Mansville. Manufactured transite piping	Marrero	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals, Petroleum	10 Acres
Former ChemTrade Site Chemical production facility	Marrero	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals	10 Acres
Former Lowry Brothers Wire rope manufacturer/recycling/auto repair	Marrero	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals, Petroleum	10 Acres

Additionally all of these sites lie on or very near the Mississippi River and have almost certainly been affecting river quality in some way. Being able to mitigate that effect would be a great step for our parish as we look for ways to live responsibly with the water and ecosystem that surrounds us

### 1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area

#### 1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

The Jefferson parish Coalition is intent on following the Edge 2020 plan which is a long term economic development plan that focuses on Sustainability, Growth, and Investment. Evaluating these sites would make it possible to provide opportunities to attract new development in areas that have been underutilized and dangerous for far too long. Also we would be following recommendations and strategies that come from our regional planning partner such as the Comprehensive Operations Analysis from RPC which will provide an in depth look at the public transportation network in the greater new Orleans area and how to improve it and better utilize current infrastructure, taking advantage of those changes could very well help to spur growth in the target area. It is our hope that by taking the first steps of assessment we would eventually be able to attract businesses in the Water, Coastal, or Environmental industries. Since these areas all fall within current Opportunity Zones we believe these areas are primed for future growth as they are located on the river and near rail and interstate transportation hubs. Without a solid assessment to start with however we would be unable to pursue these long-term goals.

#### **1. B.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy**

Jefferson Parish believes that the particular benefits of this project are vast and have an outsized effect on the community we are targeting. By addressing the environmental issues these potential sites pose we feel like we can improve the community in many ways. The revitalization and cleanup of the Marrero industrial district will reduce resident's exposure to toxic pollutants and will have a positive health benefit for anyone in the area. Reducing asbestos exposure has been shown to reduce asthma and cancer rates and reducing lead contamination will hopefully help to lower lead levels in blood, especially in children.

A healthy community will spur investment in the neighborhoods and bring with it job creation. More jobs locally will lead to shorter commutes which has a net positive effect on the environment. Also new community benefits will arrive following the line of investment. It is our hope that in the future a revitalized Marrero industrial district will attract more neighborhood services such as grocery stores, schools and other necessities for a happy life as well as a restoration of vacant homes and a decrease in blight in the area.

Additionally we expect that a revitalized community would help to create many new jobs, especially for the minority residents and those struggling with low incomes currently in our target area who have limited access to quality opportunities. With this we expect to restore entities to the tax rolls of Jefferson parish which would help to support more long term planning and growth in the neighborhoods thus creating a mechanism to implement more long term growth.

#### **IV.E.1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse**

LDEQ's Brownfield Team provides project-specific guidance and input into work plans and reports early on, saving time and money over the life of the project. LDEQ will also provide Targeted Brownfield Assessment to supplement our grant funding if necessary. We will partner

with Kansas State University's (KSU's) Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (TAB) to produce quality Brownfield outreach events, especially targeting EJ communities; KSU also reviews contractor solicitations, work plans, and reports as needed (total estimated value, \$12,000). RPC projects have provided over \$77 million in leveraged redevelopment funding, with a \$1:\$91 ratio for Brownfield to redevelopment investment.

And while we recognize that this project will not be able to get off of the ground without the funding provided by the initial startup grant from EPA we know that additional resources will be necessary to make sure that our goals are met as successfully as possible. To that end we would be making sure to take full advantage of Community Development Block Grant money through HUD to support low and moderate income residents and to address community development and safety needs.

Jefferson Parish is also home to several Opportunity Zones and with any future partners or developers we would be seeking to take advantage of any and all programs that would provide assistance and encouragement to return these properties to full use through the promise of tax abatement. We will also be seeking partnerships with State as well as private financial institutions to help interested parties located additional sources of low interest financing

#### **IV.E.1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure (5 points)**

Our Coalition is committed to being as sustainable as possible. To that end we will focus on using smart growth planning and the strategies provided by RPC in their Comprehensive Operations Analysis to integrate smart planning and design for any future transportation plans that may affect the community after our project has been implemented.

As well Jefferson parish has invested significant dollars in maintain roads, drainage, and sewerage systems throughout the parish. As well as providing for multiple different safety and crime prevention forces which will we plan to use to help promote growth as the project develops.

#### **IV.E.2. Community Need and Community Engagement**

##### **IV.E.2.a. Community Need**

##### **IV.E.2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding**

Jefferson Parish is one of the largest and most diverse communities in the state of Louisiana. As such it is a community that is effected in certain communities with a lack of employment and economic growth. When jobs leave they tend to stay gone. This leads to a cycle of crime and poverty that is hard for some to escape and the community suffers as a result. Average weekly

wages in Jefferson Parish were in the bottom half of national rankings according to current data and depressed incomes disproportionately affect the community around the potential brownfield sites.

Jefferson Parish would like to work towards alleviating some of these issues but there is no space in the latest budget to fund these assessments.

#### **IV.E.2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations (15 points)**

We suspect that some of the areas we would like to focus on contain Lead, PCBs, Asbestos, and petroleum hydrocarbons. The effects of which can be wide ranging but include cancer, headaches, neurobehavioral and development deficits and many more.

The hazardous materials associated with potential brownfield sites in our area represent sources of contamination that adversely affect the health of our parishes' most vulnerable citizens. Our low income residents and children are located very near to the potential sites and in some instances have even reused dangerous materials from the sites in their own homes. There are verifiable connections between heavy metals, asbestos, and other chemical contaminants and failing health and these sites almost certainly provide a primary cause for those risks.

Redevelopment will improve resident's health by removing potentially dangerous contaminants as well as providing insight on how to best secure the areas so that no one risks exposing themselves inadvertently. Removing and restoring deteriorating buildings will provide a net positive to the entire community.

While the health effects are certainly the most worrisome, the potential brownfield sites also contribute to an economically impoverished area that is disproportionately Minority and includes a high number of children. As the tax base further decreases it leads to a reduction in services Jefferson parish can provide. And as more residents are forced to leave it may affect local businesses which will not be able to find regular employees thus forcing them to relocate and potential creating even more brownfield sites. Funding will help us provide more opportunities for the community to improve their economic circumstances and quality of life.

#### **IV.E.2.b. Community Engagement (15 points)**

##### **IV.E.2.b.i. Project Partners (5 points)**

Jefferson Parish will work closely with RPC and JEDCO throughout the entire grant process to provide input, connect stakeholders, and facilitate assessment of sites. In addition to Coalition Partners, Jefferson has identified numerous community partners to help guide grant



implementation and bring important stakeholders to the table. A summary of confirmed partners are:

#### IV.E.2.b.ii. Project Partner Roles (5 points)

List of Project Partners & Roles		
Partner Name	Point of Contact (Name, Email and Phone)	Specific Role in the Project
<i>Jefferson Parish</i>	Matt Burnell <a href="mailto:Mburnell@jeffparish.net">Mburnell@jeffparish.net</a> (504)364-1374	Project Lead. Management of assessment program, coordinating partners, contracting
<i>Regional Planning Commission</i>	Adam Tatar <a href="mailto:atatar@norpc.org">atatar@norpc.org</a> (504)483-8533	Project Management, reporting, oversight
<i>Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission</i>	Annalisa Kelly <a href="mailto:akelly@jedco.org">akelly@jedco.org</a> (504)875-3918	Site Identification, Community outreach, Identification of potential partners

#### IV.E.2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input (5 points)

With the help of community partners like JEDCO we will work to identify potential sites with input of local businesses, neighborhood groups, and other private individuals. And after selection and assessments we will work with local Chambers of commerce as well as real estate groups and financial institutions to identify potential partners that may be interested in pursuing future business and development in the area

#### IV.E.3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

##### IV.E.3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

#### IV.E.3.a.i. Project Implementation

**Task 1: Project Mgmt., Reporting & Other Eligible Expenses:** RPC will oversee Consultant activities and manage all aspects of the project in accordance with the terms and conditions established in the Cooperative Agreement (CA). At RPC's discretion, the Consultant will assist with compliance reporting (quarterly and final reports, ACRES updates, annual DBE and Financial Reports, etc.) and other eligible project activities identified in the CA work plan. At least one staff person from each of the three coalition partners will attend one regional and one national brownfields-related conference and/or training workshop. Task Lead: RPC with support from Consultant. Timeline: Activities will be ongoing throughout the 3-year grant term. **Task 2: Community Outreach & Site Prioritization:** The successful community outreach program developed for RPCs brownfield program over ten years will be expanded to include new partners, coalition members, and stakeholders in Jefferson Parish. A PPP will be prepared detailing our outreach strategy and schedule of activities such as neighborhood meetings, workshops, and lunch and learn events. RPC brownfield webpage and social media accounts will be updated regularly to reflect the FY20 CWA grant. Task Lead: JP and JEDCO will lead site prioritization efforts with assistance from RPC as needed. RPC will coordinate and facilitate outreach events with support from coalition partners. Timeline: PPP and webpage will be updated during Q1. Community outreach events will be held twice per FY. Additional stakeholder meetings will be held as necessary. **Task 3: Phase I/II ESAs & RMB Surveys:** At least two priority sites identified by JP and JEDCO will be assessed under this project. We anticipate a total of 10-15 smaller sites will be assessed within the target areas during the grant period (the final total will depend on the number of sites for which more than one assessment activity is performed). RPC will prepare Property Eligibility Determinations (PEDs) for sites prioritized by JP and JEDCO. The Consultant will conduct Phase I ESAs for ~10 sites in accordance with AAI Final Rule and the standards set forth in ASTM E1527-13 Phase I ESA Process. The Consultant will complete Phase II ESAs for ~10 sites and RBM Surveys for ~4 sites. Prior to imitating sampling or other field or laboratory investigation activities, the Consultant will provide a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) covering hazardous and petroleum substances for EPA approval. The consultant will also prepare Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs) and Health and Safety Plans (HASPs) for each site selected for a Phase II ESA and/or RMB Survey. Task Lead: The Consultant will lead technical activities at the direction of RPC. Access agreements will be secured by RPC

#### IV.E.3.a.ii. Anticipated Project Schedule

Time Frame	Task Completed
Months 1-4	Identify Action Sites/Requests for QEP

Months 4-6	Select QEP/Kick Off public meeting/Brownfield Monthly committee meeting/ complete QAP Plan/ Initiate
Months 6-24	Complete Assessments/Quarterly Brownfield committee meetings? Update ACRES and all EPA reporting
Months 25-36	Close Out/Develop plan to advance properties to next stage

#### IV.E.3.a.iii. Task/Activity Lead (5 Points)

#### IV.E.3.a.iv. Outputs (5 points)

#### IV.E.3.b. Cost Estimates (20 points)

Budget Categories		total								
		Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3		Total	
		Hazardous			Petroleum					
Direct Costs	Personnel	\$2,075	\$27,053	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$15,750	\$6,400		\$100,485	
	Fringe		\$27,947			\$19,250				
	Travel <sup>1</sup>	0	\$150	\$2,500		\$500	\$2,000		\$5,150	
	Contractual	0	\$288,000	0	0	\$206,365	\$0		\$494,365	
<b>Total Budget (Total Direct Costs + Indirect Costs)</b>		\$2,075	\$343,150	\$12,500	\$2,000	\$241,865	\$8,400		\$600,000	

#### IV.E.3.c. Measuring Environmental Results (5 Points)

Jefferson Parish will require our projects to meet the high level of oversight required by the EPA. Stakeholder meetings and community interest meetings will be able to show attendees as well as agendas and documents produced for any such meetings. We will keep logs of the number of meetings that are held. All Phase one and Phase two ESA reports will be kept in both hard copy and digital format. We plan to be in contact frequently with our EPA project officer to

allay any concerns and to make note of any requests they may have. Quarterly reports will also describe finished assessments, future cleanup operations that have been or in the process of being adopted and development plans and interested partners who might be involved in those plans

#### **IV.E.4 Programmatic Capability and Past Performance**

##### **IV.E.4.a. Programmatic Capability**

###### **IV.E.4.a.i. Organizational Structure**

As the lead coalition member, JP will be responsible for prioritizing sites and directing use best use of brownfield assessment funding with input from JEDCO. RPC will administer the grant and be accountable to EPA for management of the CA and compliance with the grant terms and conditions. RPC will also oversee the Consultant who will implement technical activities. RPC will coordinate public outreach activities in collaboration with JP, JEDCO, and community partners.

###### **IV.E.4.a.ii Description of Key Staff (5 points)**

**Walter Brooks, Chief Operating Officer, JP:** Mr. Brooks served with the Regional Planning Commission from 1976 until 2019. Under his leadership, RPC was credited with many recovery and rebuilding efforts in the New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Mr. Brooks is an accomplished, and highly-respected administrator with the vision to launch and support major redevelopment projects in Jefferson Parish. Mr. Brooks holds degrees from both Tulane University and the University of New Orleans, he has served on the Louisiana Recovery Authority's Infrastructure Task Force, and was co-chair of the Land Use Committee of the Bring New Orleans Back Commission. Role: *Site selection and prioritization.*

**Terry Wilkinson, PhD., AICP, JP:** Director of Planning, Jefferson Parish. The Planning Department is involved in planning and development of regulatory activities in the unincorporated areas of Jefferson parish Role: *Site selection and prioritization.*

**Adam Tatar, AICP, and RPC:** Mr. Tatar has seven years of experience in the field of urban planning, and serves as RPC's full-time brownfield coordinator. He currently manages a 2017-2020 Community Wide Assessment Grant and a 2018-2021 Coalition Grant along with the Port of New Orleans and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Tatar holds an M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans. The RPC brownfield program which Mr. Tatar currently oversees has been tremendously successful over the last decade, ushering numerous brownfield sites from blight to environmental assessment to reuse. Role: *Grant management, cooperative agreement oversight, consultant oversight.*

**Janet R. Galati, JEDCO:** Role: *Site selection, prioritization, & public outreach.*

**Annalisa Kelly, JEDCO:** Role: *Site selection, prioritization, & public outreach.*

**Matt Burnell, Director Grants and Administration JP** Project Management

#### **IV.E.4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources**

JP employs engineering, legal, financial services, and administrative staff to support project implementation as needed. ***Contractor Procurement:*** JP routinely contracts consulting services and has procedures in place to acquire these services through a competitive qualifications-based process. Additionally, the RPC brownfield program will share with JP its vetted list of environmental consultants who they have successfully worked with in the past, and who meet or exceed MBE/WBE requirements.

#### **IV.E.4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments**

##### **IV.E.4.b.i. Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant**

Jefferson Parish Has received EPA Brownfield Money in the past (2008) and was quite successful in using it to assess contaminated sites. The money was drawn down and the grant has been closed out

##### **IV.E.4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements**

##### **IV.E.4.b.iii. Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements**

### **Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants**

Jefferson Parish meets its threshold for eligibility requirement by virtue of being a parish government. Jedco is a government entity, and RPC is a state enabled government entity by Ordinance No 10203 adopted by Jefferson Parish May, 1971

#### **III.B.2 Community Involvement**

As mentioned above, our coalition will seek to actively engage the community in stakeholder meetings, through community involvement in any plans that may or may not come from the grant work, Websites that will inform of any future action as well as regular communication with community leaders and business groups involved in the area

### **III.B.3**

N/A

# REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
ST. TAMMANY AND TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

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November 27, 2019

Michael Yenni, Parish President  
Jefferson Parish  
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard  
Harahan, LA 70123

Re: Participation in the Jefferson Parish's Brownfield Assessment Coalition for the Marrero Industrial Opportunity Zone

Dear Mr. Yenni:

I am pleased to confirm the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC) as a member of the Jefferson Parish Brownfield Assessment Coalition for the Marrero Industrial Opportunity Zone (the Coalition). RPC supports Jefferson Parish's Community-Wide Assessment grant proposal to secure funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2020 Brownfields Assessment Grant Program to perform environmental assessments of hazardous and petroleum sites within the Marrero, Louisiana Industrial Opportunity Zone. This funding will provide much-needed environmental assessments to address negative environmental and economic impacts to sensitive communities.

The RPC is a board of local elected officials and citizen members, appointed to represent the public on regional issues. The board is supported by a staff of 20 professionals with broad experience, and doctorates or masters degrees, in a variety of areas including urban planning, community development, economics, and sustainable development.

Jefferson Parish and RPC have a long and successful history of partnering on environmental and economic development projects. As a state-enabled government entity, RPC is an eligible coalition member. We are happy to be a member of this coalition and support Jefferson Parish's efforts to redevelop underutilized property in a manner that is thoughtful and environmentally conscious. For further information, please feel free to contact me or Adam Tatar, Brownfield Program Coordinator (504) 483 8533.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Roesel  
Executive Director



# JEDCO

Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission

November 21, 2019

Walter Brooks  
Chief Operating Officer, Jefferson Parish Administration  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. Suite 1002  
Jefferson, LA 70123

Re: Participation in the Jefferson Parish Administration's 104k Brownfield Assessment Grant Coalition

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I am pleased to confirm the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) as a member of the Jefferson Parish Administration's 104k Brownfield Assessment Grant Coalition. JEDCO supports the Parish's grant proposal to secure funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2020 Brownfield Assessment Grant Program. This funding will allow the Coalition to perform environmental assessments of hazardous brownfield sites, particularly within two targeted Opportunity Zone tracts in some of the most industrial parts of the Jefferson Parish West Bank. The assessment funding will also engage JEDCO as a coalition partner in conducting property research, inventory, outreach, and marketing strategies of potential Brownfield sites within Jefferson Parish industrial areas, and in particular two Opportunity Zones on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish where several major vacant industrial and contaminated sites are situated.

JEDCO is the certified economic development organization for Jefferson Parish, independent from the Jefferson Parish Administration and authorized via the State of Louisiana with the main objective of attracting, growing, and creating new business in the area. JEDCO works toward its mission to proactively influence the economy through a variety of business retention, expansion, and attraction strategies as well as large Parish-wide strategic initiatives identified in JEDCO's economic development strategic plan, the Jefferson EDGE. The EDGE strategic plan calls for a targeted focus on Jefferson Parish's environmental management industry cluster and to engage in initiatives to support sustainable development and quality jobs in burgeoning environmental management fields. The EDGE also places emphasis on repositioning strategic properties within the Parish, such as the major underutilized and vacant industrial sites that would be a focus of Jefferson Parish's Coalition Grant.

We support Jefferson Parish's efforts to seek this grant funding and are pleased to be a member of this coalition of regional partners striving to bring impactful, sustainable redevelopment of major properties in Jefferson Parish. The area's large facilities, industrial infrastructure, location within Opportunity Zones, and access to multimodal assets like the Mississippi River and rail have tremendous potential for redevelopment and reuse, hindered by environmental contamination. By partnering with the Jefferson Parish Administration on this grant application, JEDCO will be able to conduct property research, engage with property owners, and market the sites in an effort to effectively promote the reuse of these potentially high-impact brownfield sites. For further information, please feel free to contact me or Annalisa Kelly, JEDCO's Strategic Initiatives Manager, at (504) 875-3908 or [akelly@jedco.org](mailto:akelly@jedco.org).

Sincerely,

Jerry Bologna, CECd  
President & CEO  
JEDCO



## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

\* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

\* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

Matthew Burnell

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

### State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

### 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\* a. Legal Name:

Matthew Burnell

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

0726304860000

### d. Address:

\* Street1:

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Street2:

\* City:

gretna

County/Parish:

jefferson

\* State:

LA: Louisiana

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

70053-2000

### e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Finance Dept

Division Name:

Department of Grants/Admin

### f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

\* First Name:

Matthew

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Burnell

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

Jefferson Parish

\* Telephone Number:

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Fax Number:

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## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

\* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Jefferson Parish 2020 Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant LA-002

\* b. Program/Project LA-002

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date: 11/01/2020

\* b. End Date: 11/01/2023

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	600,000.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	600,000.00

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

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Middle Name:

\* Last Name: Burnell

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\* Title: Director Grants Admin

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\* Signature of Authorized Representative: Matt Burnell \* Date Signed: 12/03/2019